

STREPTOPYLUS MAGNUS: Gould.



SCHŒNICLUS MAGNUS, *Gould.*

Great Sandpiper.

Schœniclus magnus, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., February 22, 1848.

THIS is one of the few birds that I have not been able to obtain for my own collection ; there are, however, two specimens in the country ; one in the British Museum, which was obtained on the north coast of Australia ; the other, which was procured at Swan River, is in the possession of the Hon. Charles Neville, a gentleman much attached to natural history. It is one of the most singular species of the *Tringæ*, being in size fully equal to the Ruff, while its form is precisely that of the Dunlin. On comparing it with a bird in the Museum of the East India Company, which has been named *Totanus tenuirostris* by my friend Dr. Horsfield, I find it to be very nearly allied to that species.

Its great size has suggested the term *magnus* which I have applied to it ; and the following is an accurate description :—

Crown of the head and the neck brownish grey, each feather with a stripe of brown down the centre ; back and wings brown, broadly margined with brownish grey ; primaries blackish brown ; rump white, each feather tipped with brown ; tail brownish grey ; feathers of the breast dark brown, with a crescent of white at the extremity ; abdomen and under tail-coverts white ; flanks mottled with brown ; bill, feet and irides olive.

The figure is of the natural size.